



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 678

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGY BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Community-Based Health and Human Services Strategy Board that
3 shall make recommendations concerning a long-term funding solution
4 for the provision of grants to community providers, under purchase of
5 service contracts, for the provision of ongoing direct health and human
6 services for state agency clients. Such board shall consist of the
7 following voting members who shall be appointed as follows: (1) Two
8 by the Governor, one of whom shall be a provider of health and
9 human services and one of whom shall be a parent of a child or adult
10 with disabilities; (2) one by the speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, who shall have knowledge in the area of social
12 services; (3) one by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall
13 have knowledge of the labor market; (4) one by the majority leader of
14 the House of Representatives, who shall have knowledge of
15 economics; (5) one by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall have
16 knowledge of Medicaid policy; (6) one by the minority leader of the
17 House of Representatives, who shall have knowledge of bonding; (7)
18 one by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall have knowledge of
19 purchase of service agreements or education; (8) one by the speaker of
20 the House of Representatives upon the recommendation of the chief

21 executive officer of the Connecticut Community Providers Association;
22 (9) one by the president pro tempore of the Senate upon the
23 recommendation of the executive director of the Connecticut
24 Association of Nonprofits; (10) one by the majority leader of the House
25 of Representatives upon the recommendation of the executive director
26 of The Arc of Connecticut; (11) one by the majority leader of the Senate
27 upon the recommendation of the president of SEIU 1199; (12) one by
28 the minority leader of the Senate upon the recommendation of the
29 executive director of Council 4 AFSCME; and (13) one by the minority
30 leader of the House of Representatives upon the recommendation of
31 the Connecticut Nonprofit Human Services Cabinet. The following
32 persons, or their designees, shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members of
33 such board: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
34 Executive Director of the Court Support Services Division of the
35 Judicial Branch and the Commissioners of Developmental Services,
36 Correction, Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services,
37 Children and Families and Social Services.

38 (b) All initial appointments to the board shall be made not later than
39 August 1, 2008. Any vacancy thereafter shall be filled by the
40 appointing authority. The members appointed by the speaker of the
41 House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate,
42 pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of this section,
43 shall each serve as cochairpersons of such board. Such cochairpersons
44 shall convene the first meeting of the board not later than September 1,
45 2008.

46 (c) The board may, within available appropriations, contract with
47 consultants having expertise in the areas of economics, labor, higher
48 education or accounting to assist the board in carrying out its duties,
49 and it may receive funds from any public or private source to carry out
50 its activities.

51 (d) The board shall make recommendations to the Governor and the
52 General Assembly concerning the development of a state-wide
53 strategic plan for the continued provision of state-funded, community-

54 based health and human services. Such recommendations shall
55 include: (1) Strategies to provide consistent funding for the provision
56 of such services and cost-of-living and other fiscal adjustments in
57 payments to providers of such services using an indexing option such
58 as the Consumer Price Index, the Medical Consumer Price Index, the
59 Home Health Market Basket administered by the federal Centers for
60 Medicare and Medicaid Services, or any other indexing option used in
61 this state or other states; (2) a budget to implement the indexing option
62 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection that is recommended by
63 the board; and (3) a budget and plan for stabilizing the service delivery
64 system until such indexed payments are allocated.

65 (e) The board shall conduct research and an analysis that concerns
66 the problem of the delivery and funding of health and human services.
67 Such research and analysis shall include: (1) An analysis of the impact
68 of differential wages on the provision of services in the private and
69 public sectors, including statistics on the wages and benefits of private
70 sector, public sector and private sector unionized employees in the
71 human services field; (2) the impact of standard wage legislation in the
72 state; (3) a comparison of the compounded Medical Consumer Price
73 Index to the cost-of-living allocations made to providers of services
74 over the previous twenty-year period; (4) an analysis of the percentage
75 increase in the cost of health insurance, workers' compensation
76 insurance, property casualty insurance and energy costs since 2000,
77 and a projection of the percentage increase of such costs until 2013; (5)
78 projected labor market trends until 2013; and (6) any other additional
79 research or analysis the board deems necessary to accomplish the
80 board's duties described in subsection (d) of this section.

81 (f) Not later than January 1, 2009, and each October first thereafter,
82 the board shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
83 general statutes, that details the board's: (1) Proposed budget
84 recommendations, as described in subsection (d) of this section; (2)
85 research and analysis, as described in subsection (e) of this section; and
86 (3) proposed policy changes to the Governor and the joint standing
87 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

88 relating to appropriations, public health and human services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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